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Royal Colors Racing May 2014 Newsletter

Will California Chrome be the One?



With the Kentucky Derby and Preakness tucked away in his back pocket, does California Chrome have the potential to be the first Triple Crown Winner in 36 years? I am going to say "Yes!" Sure as a thoroughbred owner, we all dream of it being one of ours, but as a fan of the sport I don't care...one of ours, one of theirs, it does not matter, just be the one. The time is right for horse racing to get some positive attention and California Chrome

would be a great representative Triple Crown Winner. Here exists a horse of modest breeding, affordable at the lower end of the sport's price range, that has simply been a dream maker for two couples that fell in love with involvement in thoroughbred racing.

His owners, are not unlike many Royal Colors Racing Owners. Two couples that "dipped their toe in the water" as fractional owners of five percent each in a filly, ended up taking ownership of that horse near the end of her racing career and decided to turn her into a broodmare. Flash forward four years and her first offspring, California Chrome, sits on the edge of

history. They turned down \$6,000,000 for 50% of him prior to his even winning the Santa Anita Derby! Why? Most likely because they wanted the horse trained by their trainer, wearing their silks, and to be the owners of the next Kentucky Derby winner. It is great to see dreams come true. I like it, and hope we see the first Triple Crown Winner since 1978 in two weeks.



Sassy Kiss Wins for Fourth Time

Sassy Kiss returned to the winner's circle for her fourth time in 11 starts and pushed her winnings to \$94,000+. Our filly raced on her current home track, Churchill Downs, on May 16th and won by four lengths in a six furlong contest. She broke poorly on the rail, but surged forward to establish a stalking position. As the field turned for the stretch, jockey Robby Albarado could wait no longer and pushed Sassy forward. She looked good crossing the finish line with ears pricked and more in the gas tank.



Sassy Kiss at Churchill Downs

Trainer Bret Calhoun felt that she was coming off some tough races against strong competition and needed a chance to regain her confidence. While she had been competitive in those, she needed the mental boost of the win. We picked the right spot and were happy to see our filly do her part to the benefit of her partners. [Take a look at her winning performance by clicking here.](#) We will look for another race in June that gives her a chance to excel.

Springboard Returns to Action Today – May 26th

After an appropriate break of several months, Springboard returns to the scene of his last



Springboard's prior win at Churchill Downs

win – Churchill Downs. When he won impressively by seven lengths in October, we could not help but dream of the possibility of running at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May, but, alas that path was not one we were able to explore. Returning to run in good form at Churchill Downs in the month of May, however, is still great.

Springboard will compete again at six furlongs in a field of eight three-year-olds. While all are pursuing the second win of their racing careers, several in this group are stand out performers with stakes and graded stakes placings in their background. This race will be tough. I view it as a great reward if he finishes on top, but after a seven month layoff he may need the race to be at top form. He most certainly will not be sent off as the favorite, so if you are a betting fan, he might present opportunity. If you wish to watch the race, it is race 4 at 2:45 p.m. CST and he is horse number 3.



Springboard

The race will be televised on HRTV or can be watched online at www.twinspires.com if you set up a free account. Good luck to Springboard and his owners.

Stable Update

Shares remain available in Divine Decree, Time Catcher, Wright Flyer, and Medal of Courage to learn more about these horses, visit the [Royal Colors Racing Stable and Opportunities](#) section of our website, by clicking here.

Time Catcher

Time Catcher is back in full training. He is currently under saddle daily, working by himself, in pairs and in groups. He will continue to gallop for a few more weeks and will then escalate to two-minute-licking (working at a two-minute-mile pace).



His siblings continue to show the durability of his pedigree as almost all are currently in training and racing. His three-year-old, Colonel John sired sister, Perplexity, recently recorded her maiden win and followed it up with a close second in Allowance company next time out. [To see her winning effort, click here.](#)

Divine Decree

Divine Decree continues to move forward towards her racing debut. She is breezing 3/8ths of a mile at this point at Twin Oaks and is on target for a transition to on track training in late June.



Slew City Lou

Slew City Lou is closing in on a return to the race track. She has been progressively breezing greater distances at Twin Oaks and is doing well. We anticipate she will ship back to the track in the next thirty days.



Medal of Courage

Medal of Courage recently worked three furlongs and has begun preliminary gate training. Paul Sharpe's staff in Florida have had the colt standing in the gates and walking into and out of the front. He continues to grow and looks to be on track to ship to Bret Calhoun's stable in late summer.



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Wright Flyer

Wright Flyer continues some time off as his body, bone, and muscle all come into synch. We plan to return him to training prior to the summer's heat kicking in.



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